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MINUTES
OF THE
26th ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
KING'S MOUNTAIN
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

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List of Ministers in King's Mt. Association.

ELDER	A. L. STOUGH,..	Shelby,	North Carolina.
"	G. M. WEBB,.....	"	" "
"	T. DIXON,	"	" "
"	A. A. McSWAIN, ...	"	" "
"	R. POSTON,.....	"	" "
"	A. C. IRVIN,.....	"	" "
"	J. M. BRIDGES,.....	"	" "
"	G. W. ROLLINS,....	Green's Grove,	" "
"	P. R. ELAM,.....	King's Mountain,	" "
"	D. PANNELL,.....	Webb's Ford,	" "
"	J. J. JONES,.....	"	" "
"	J. H. YARBORO,....	Mooresboro',	" "
"	N. H. MOSS,.....	Cherryville,	" "
"	WM. McSWAIN,....	Shelby,	" "
"	MARTIN PANNELL,..	"	" "
"	T. J. CAMPBELL, ...	Island Ford,	" "
"	L. H. McSWAIN,....	Antioch,	South Carolina.

LICENTIATES.

J. W. GOODE,	Webb's Ford,	North Carolina.
J. B. GREEN,	"	" "
R. N. HAWKINS,.....	Shelby,	" "
G. P. HAMRICK,.....	Wake Forest,	" "
B. P. GREEN,	Mooresboro',	" "
J. RUPPE,.....	Nicholsonville,	" "
F. H. POSTON, ...	King's Mountain,	" "

PROCEEDINGS.

PLEASANT HILL, CLEVELAND CO., N. C.,
September 21, 1877.

1. The King's Mountain Baptist Association met with Pleasant Hill Church, Cleveland county, N. C.
 2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by J. H. Yarbboro, from Acts xii: 8.
 3. After the sermon the Association took a recess for half hour.
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AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, Sept. 21, 1877.

4. On re-assembling the Moderator called the Association to order. Rev. C. T. Bailey led in prayer.
5. the Moderator appointed J. A. Roberts and R. E. Porter as Reading Clerks.
6. The Churches were called, their letters read and their delegates enrolled as follows:

Sandy Run.—G. W. Rollins, B. B. Harris, W. B. Lovelace, M. D. Padgett and W. A. Jones.

Zion.—A. C. Irvin, R. Poston, J. D. Weathers and Daniel Poston.

Zoar.—Jacob Hogue, A. R. Putman and M. O. McIntire.

Double Springs.—J. M. Bridges, D. A. F. Hamrick, C. B. Suttle and B. Blanton.

New Bethel.—W. B. McCall, J. M. London, Jno. A. Beam and A. T. Hord.

Pleasant Hill.—J. A. Roberts, H. Roberts, Simeon Putman and S. A. Wilson.

Mt. Vernon.—S. J. Weaver and W. J. Wesson.

Big Spring.—J. C. Lattimore and W. P. Withrow.

Bethlehem.—P. R. Elam, L. M. Logan, Jno. Barber and T. Bell.

Olivet.—Represented by letter.

Concord.—G. T. Bostic, W. H. Martin and A. L. Smart.

Thessalonica.—Not represented.

Bethel.—T. J. Campbell and A. S. Harrill.

Mt. Sinai.—L. H. McSwain and S. Wylie.

Mt. Pleasant.—Jno. Beason, J. E. Jolly and D. A. Scruggs.

School has for its Principal, Bro. J. A. White, a Baptist. One who is well worthy of your patronage. Brethren, we ask you to sustain Bro. White in his efforts.

Boiling Springs, one of your number, has established a school and calls for a liberal share of your patronage.

We would especially call your attention to the effort being made to establish a Female College within our bounds, and trust that the work of the Trustees may be such as will be accepted and pushed forward.

Lastly, brethren, we are sorry that we must again call your attention to Wake Forest College. Some of the brethren of this State seem resolved to endow their College, and we are of the opinion that they will be successful; yet the task is much more burdensome than it ought to be. Brethren, have we been co-workers in this great work? if not, we have failed to do our duty. Wake Forest College is our school, or ought to be, and hence it is the work of every Baptist to aid in the endowment of said school. Brethren, let us consider our interests as Baptists and sustain our college by our own efforts, and educate our children as Baptists.

B. H. BRIDGES, *Chairman*.

23. After remarks by C. T. Bailey, R. Poston, J. H. Yarbboro, G. M. Webb, T. J. Campbell and J. B. Richardson, was adopted.

24. Elder J. P. Styers, of Rocky River Association, was received as a visiting brother.

Recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

25. The committee on Religious Exercises announced that W. Hill and J. A. White would preach at the stand.

26. The committee on Periodicals reported as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We believe the reading of religious journals in our families improves morality, and begets a spirit of missions, and makes us enjoy true religion in our souls. As the *Biblical Recorder* is universally acknowledged and regarded the religious organ of the Baptists of our State, we would recommend it as worthy the patronage of all. We think that every one within the bounds of this Association should take and read it: for it informs us of the revivals throughout the State; what the Baptists are doing for the spread of the Gospel; and it defends Baptist principles. It contains a vast amount of valuable reading matter and religious information, of which we would be entirely ignorant of without it. Now if the interest in circulating the paper and endeavor, if possible, to induce all to take it and read it, we believe they would accomplish a great and good work. And we do sincerely hope that ere long this may be effected.

For Sabbath Schools we would recommend *Kind Words*.

We would also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal* for information upon the subject of Missions.

R. E. PORTER, *Chairman*.

27. Remarks were made by G. M. Webb, J. B. Richardson and C. T. Bailey, and on motion report was adopted.

28. Committee on Union Meetings reported as follows:

That the next Union Meeting be held with the Church at New Prospect, six miles north-east of Shelby, commencing on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in August, 1878.

J. C. HOYLE, *Chairman*.

29. Appointed R. Poston, A. C. Irvin, N. H. Moss and G. M. Webb to attend said meeting.

30. The committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We recognize the great goodness of the Allwise Creator in the preservation of so many of our lives, and especially all our brethren in the ministry, for not a single minister has died during the past year. While we are thankful to God for these mercies, we are sorry to find that 41 of our number have passed into the spirit land. We sympathize with bereaved churches, or relatives, whose members and friends have died, but we believe that our loss is their eternal gain.

A. A. McSWAIN, *Chairman*.

31. The committee on Missions reported as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The first Baptist Church ever planted in North Carolina was organized in 1727, the second in 1743 and the third in 1755. The Baptists could do but little in our State till after the American Independence. In 1784 we had but 42 churches, 47 ministers and about 3,200 members. Now, we number 1,442 churches, 793 ministers and over 137,000 members. Thus the missionary efforts of our people have been greatly blessed within the last ninety years.

STATE MISSIONS.

For the last 70 years there has been a Mission Society in our State laboring to give the destitute sections the Gospel. At present the State Mission Board is cultivating some *ten* important points, but this is not one-tenth of what it ought to be doing. The lack of funds has greatly circumscribed the Board's labors. In the bounds of our own Association Bro. P. R. Elam has been successfully laboring at Dallas and Gastonia, as is seen per his report to the Association. Our Association stands pledged to support Bro. Elam.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In this department of christian effort our labors have been greatly blessed, and hundreds of thousands of heathen have been brought to Christ within the last 50 years. We must press this work. Also the work of the Home and Indian Mission Board of our Southern Convention, which has done a great work in the South during the last thirty years.

G. M. WEBB, *Chairman*.

32. Remarks by G. M. Webb and J. B. Richardson, and, on motion the report was adopted.

33. On motion of G. M. Webb, there will be a collection taken up on to-morrow and decide on Monday what to apply it to, which was carried after considerable discussion.

34. Committee on Religious Exercises announced that C. T. Bailey would preach in the morning at 10 A. M.; P. R. Elam at 11 A. M.; and J. B. Richardson and B. Bonner in the afternoon.

35. On motion, adjourned to meet Monday at 9 A. M. Prayer by J. P. Styers.

SUNDAY, Sept. 23, 1877.

The Rev. C. T. Bailey preached at 10 A. M. Text: Heb. xi:24-25. Followed by Rev. P. R. Elam, who preached the Missionary Sermon under an appointment of last year, after which a collection was taken up amounting to \$32.85.

Recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON.

37. Rev. A. L. Stough preached. The congregations were very large and attentive during the services.

38. The word of Truth was ably presented by all the ministers who preached, and it is hoped that the efforts made will prove effectual in advancing the Master's Kingdom.

MONDAY, Sept. 24, 1877.

39. The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by A. A. McSwain.

40. The roll was called. Quorum present.

41. Proceedings of Saturday and Sunday were read and adopted.

42. The committee on Temperance reported and the report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report :
That Temperance as a practical theme addresses itself to the heart, conscience and intellect of every man, woman and child.
There never has been such a scourge permitted to visit our race as that

of intemperance; but the general statistics of intemperance we do not propose to collect or discuss. We have no disposition to count the number of ruined men, of wretched families, of lost estates this prevalent vice has occasioned in our country. What part of our world is exempt from this awful scourge? Where is the scourge that can for a moment be brought into comparison with that of intemperance? It is one that never ceases the awful work of destruction.

Where is the eye that sees not its woes? Where is the ear that hears not its groans? Where is the heart that does not bleed because of the loss of some dear relative, friend or companion? We may indeed say with the prophet, "the land mourneth because of drunkenness."

Oh! what a cruel, horrid work is this? When, when shall it stop? Is there no end to this river of death? Is there no remedy? Is there no remedy at hand? Yes, here it is: Total abstinence now; total abstinence forever from all that intoxicates. And ought not a redeemed world bless God for this discovery? And ought we not, heart to heart, shoulder to shoulder, press forward the application of such a remedy?

The awful work of intemperance will never cease until the principles of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks shall everywhere prevail. Never until the name, the influence of all be solemnly pledged to the support of the temperance cause.

Can any one, young or old, who but glances at this subject, doubt for a moment into which scale he should throw the weight of his name and influence.

Every one that wears the badge of Christ should see that he does not, either directly or indirectly give his influence to the use of intoxicating drinks. Let each one remember that there is a day of impartial reckoning and balancing of accounts, and that the Judge of all the earth will do right. That he will meet out strict equity.

Let us then use every laudable effort until the glorious work of reform shall be achieved; the awful work of destruction shall cease.

This subject makes an especial appeal to the christian churches. It was ascertained some 25 years ago (and no doubt the statistics would be greater now) that intoxicating drinks alone caused 1,500,000 church trials, and that 33 American D.D's, and 3 of them bishops, had become perfect sots.

Need we be surprised at this when it is a fact that the majority of our churches do not expressly prohibit the use of intoxicating drinks; and some even suffer their own members to manufacture, retail and use intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

Let us, therefore, do all we can to suppress this monster evil until the awful work of destruction shall cease; until the destroying angel shall take his flight; earth shall burst into the beauty and freshness of Eden. And it shall be published through the utmost bounds of earth, and echo and re-echo through the wide vaults of heaven: "The kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Christ forever and ever."

A. L. STOUGH, *Chairman*.

43. The committee on Finance reported as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Amount sent up by the churches for Minutes,.....	\$ 43 66
" " " " " State Missions,.....	29 00
" " " " " Foreign Missions,.....	22 45
Aggregate, cash,.....	\$ 95 11

Amount of Collection on Sabbath,.....	32 85
Total, including Collection on Sabbath,.....	\$127 96
Amount pledged by Bethlehem Church.....	10 00
“ sent heretofore by Pleasant Hill Church,.....	5 00
“ “ “ “ Shelby “.....	30 00
Total, including moneys sent heretofore, &c.,.....	\$172 96
A. L. SMART, <i>Chairman.</i>	

44. The Associational Board of Missions reported as follows, and the report adopted :

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

We thought it advisable to continue P. R. Elam in the same field of labor to which he was appointed last year, and on the same terms. He accepted the appointment and submits to the Board the reports hereunto annexed, to-wit:

For first quarter, ending February 1st, 1877: Number of sermons preached 3, out stations supplied 2, persons baptized 2, number added by experience and letter 2, Sunday School organized at Gastonia 1, number of pupils 30, collected cash on the field \$10.80.

For second quarter, ending May 1st, 1877: Number sermons preached 10, churches supplied 1, out stations supplied 2, prayer meetings attended 1, persons and families religiously visited 5, assisted in the organization of churches 1, (Gastonia.) Sunday School at Gastonia organized with 40 pupils, classes 8, teachers 8.

Amount of cash on hand at last session of the Association for Missionary purposes \$63.45, which was paid over to Bro. Elam, by L. M. Logan, Clerk, and Bro. Elam's receipt taken for the same by the Board, and also for the amount of \$10.80, collected on his field of labor, making an aggregate of \$76.25, the same being \$1.25 over pay to Missionary for nine months' labor reported.

Your Board, before closing this report, will only add that in their opinion a Missionary should still be continued to operate in the same field of labor, at least, until such time as the church recently organized at Gastonia shall become self-sustaining. It certainly would be unwise on the part of a commander, after capturing a strong redoubt from the enemy, to leave it at once exposed to the attacks of the foe without a garrison to protect it.

And we find too that there are several feeble churches within our bounds that very much need for a time a helping hand, and we suggest that the wisdom of the body take the matter more fully into consideration.

J. R. LOGAN, *Chairman.*

45. The committee on Religious exercises reported that J. M. Bridges and F. H. Poston would preach at the stand this morning.

46. On motion the old Board of Missions was continued, to-wit: J. R. Logan, J. Jenkins, R. E. Porter, T. Dixon and

NOTE.—It became necessary in perfecting the minutes of the Association for me to correct the report on Finance. The Committee erred by reporting \$10.00 sent up by Bethlehem Church as a pledge and \$5.00 sent heretofore by Pleasant Hill Church, *as cash in hand*. Both of these amounts had to be subtracted from the sum total reported by the Committee.

L. M. LOGAN, *Clerk*.

L. M. Logan; and, on motion, J. Jenkins was made Treasurer of said Board.

47. Committee on Preachers to Preach Stated Sermons reported as follows :

A. C. Irvin to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next meeting ;
J. M. Bridges, Alternate.

A. L. Stough the Missionary Sermon ; R. Poston, Alternate.
J. A. ROBERTS, *Chairman*.

48. The committee on Sabbath Schools reported, which was adopted as follows :

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is to be regretted that our churches are taking so little interest in Sabbath Schools. Not one-half of our churches now have these great helps in the spreading of the Gospel of Christ. There is no other department of christian labor in which so nearly every member of the church can work, and do great good. We heartily commend our Sabbath School Convention of this Association, which meets somewhere within our bounds every fifth Sabbath, to our brethren, and urge a representation in it from every church at its sessions.

G. M. WEBB. *Chairman*.

49. On motion of R. E. Porter the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That we, as an Association, heartily endorse the efforts of the Board of Trustees of the King's Mountain Female College, to establish such a College in our midst, and urge them to push their work with all their energies and power. And that we invite the Green River and any other sister Association to join us in this great enterprise.

50. On motion, the committee that was appointed last year to consider the building of a Female College within our bounds, reported as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of erecting a Baptist Female Seminary at some convenient place within the bounds of the King's Mountain Association, submit the following report:

Your Committee met in pursuance of their appointment, at Shelby, on the day named by the Association, and after organizing, unanimously agreed to apply to the Legislature of the State, then in session, for a charter or act of incorporation, designating a Board of Trustees to receive subscriptions and donations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of building ; and, also, to obtain by donation or purchase, a suitable site or lot to build on, and transact any other business pertaining to the said Seminary they might deem necessary.

Application was accordingly made, and a liberal charter granted by the General Assembly, and persons named therein to act as Trustees, who have since met and procured by donation, from C. C. Durham, Esq., a liberal friend of education, in the town of Shelby, a very eligible and suitable lot whereon to erect the contemplated Seminary. It is therefore no longer a question of uncertainty as to the erection of the College, pro-

vided, the 4,000 Baptists belonging to the King's Mountain Association will at once put their shoulders to the wheel, and with a united effort, roll up the means necessary to erect the superstructure. We hope they may feel inclined to do so at once. Every Baptist within the bounds of the Association will certainly have denominational pride enough to put his share of brick in a building that will eventually prove to be of incalculable benefit to us all, not only denominationally, but in many instances individually.

By all means let our daughters be educated, and untold blessings, mentally and religiously, will result to the future offsprings of the Baptist denomination, and all those, too, whether Baptist or Pedo-Baptist, who may lend a helping hand to build up a school of high grade in our midst.

The Trustees have resolved to raise \$10,000 at the earliest practicable period for building purposes. Your Committee, therefore, hope that every lover of literary improvement will move forward in solid phalanx and contribute his mite to the undertaking, and let the word *fail* be blotted out of their vocabularies. Let other objects, for a time at least, be dropped (if need be) and your whole strength be put forth in this one laudable and paramount effort. Let your watchword be, *our Female Seminary must be built*, and it certainly will be.

Your Committee, in concluding this report, ask all good christian men and women to join us in praying God's blessing on so honorable and praiseworthy an object.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. LOGAN, *Chairman.*

51. On motion, the petition of Olivet Church asking letter of dismission was granted.

52. On motion, all the moneys sent up by the churches for State Missions and half the collection of Sabbath, was ordered to be paid to P. R. Elam; also half the collection to be paid to J. B. Richardson for State Missions, and all the moneys sent up by the churches for Foreign Missions to be paid to J. B. Richardson.

53. On motion, the petition of Boiling Springs, asking that the Association meet with them next year, was granted.

54. Appointed the following delegates to the Baptist State Convention: T. Dixon, A. A. McSwain, G. P. Hamrick, A. M. Lovelace, Jas. Y. Hamrick, A. L. Stough, T. J. Campbell, G. M. Webb, E. J. Lovelace, A. C. Irvin, R. Poston, P. R. Elam, J. M. Bridges, F. H. Poston, J. Jenkins, C. C. Durham, Z. M. McKinny, W. B. Lovelace and L. N. Durham.

55. On motion, the Clerk was authorized to have the Constitution, Rules of Order and Abstract of Principles printed with the proceedings of this session.

56. On motion, the Clerk was authorized to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and retain \$10 for his services.

57. On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be returned to this church and

to brethren and friends of neighboring churches, for the hospitality so generously and cheerfully extended to the delegates.

58. The business of the session being completed, on motion adjourned to meet with Boiling Springs Church on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1878, and after prayer by J. B. Richardson the Moderator declared the Association adjourned.

G. W. ROLLINS, MODERATOR.

L. M. LOGAN, *Clerk*.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Extend invitation to Churches to become Members.
4. Extend invitation to Messengers from other Associations.
5. Extend invitation to Visiting Brethren.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
8. Call for Report of Committees.
9. Appoint Delegates to the Baptist State Convention.
10. Appoint Associational Board of Missions.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Adjournment.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, three in one.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only true rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
4. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and holiness.
5. We believe in the doctrine of *Election*, through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the merits of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe the Saints shall persevere in grace, and not finally fall away.
8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers who have been immersed upon a profession of faith, are the only proper subjects for the Lord's table.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and general judgment.
10. We believe that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
11. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as has been called of God, as was Aaron, and regularly baptized and approved of by the Church, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time ; also it shall be his duty to see that the Rules of Decorum are attended to ; to take the opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before the body.
3. Any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order, may appeal to the Association on the same day the decision is made, but at no other time.
4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular record of the transactions of the Association.
5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet and obtain leave of the Moderator, and when he has done speaking he shall sit down, and shall not speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than twenty minutes at one time, unless he obtain leave of the Association.
6. The Moderator, when addressed for leave of speech, shall signify the same by naming of them or otherwise.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject on hand, or use words of personal reflection ; or with a view or calling to order for some particular purpose. Any motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, except withdrawn by him who made it.
8. Every case taken up by the Association, shall be first decided upon, before another is offered.
9. When any thing is taken up by the Association, after allowing time for the debate, the Moderator shall put the question ; and those in favor of the thing proposed shall rise to their feet, and those opposed to it keep their seats ; the Moderator shall procure the decision before the standers take their seats.
10. No person shall depart the service of the Association without leave.
11. The appellation of brother shall be used in our address to each other.
12. The names of the members shall be called as often as necessary.
13. No member shall be indulged in any practice that has a tendency to interrupt in the time of a public speech, or any other practice that would dishonor the Association.
14. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided he appoints some other member to his seat while he is speaking, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided ; then he shall give the casting vote.
15. Any person breaking these Rules of Decorum, shall be reprov'd at the discretion of the Association, but only on the day the breach is made.

CONSTITUTION OF THE King's Mountain Baptist Association.

We, the united Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ, located partly in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina, having all been immersed upon a profession of our faith in Christ, propose to maintain the order and rules of an Association, according to the following plan:

ARTICLE 1st. This Association shall be known by the name of the King's Mountain Association.

2nd. This Association shall be composed of such members as shall be chosen and recommended by the churches in union.

3rd. Other churches may become members of this Association by their delegates presenting certificates of their appointment, provided, on examination, they be found orthodox.

4th. The Association shall organize by electing a Moderator and Clerk, who shall hold their appointments until another election unless displaced by the body.

5th. This Association, as an act of christian courtesy, may invite ministers of our denomination to seats with us in council.

6th. This Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum, which they are authorized to form themselves.

7th. This Association hath an inalienable right to judge what churches shall be admitted into its confederacy.

8th. The Association thus formed shall be regarded by us only in the light of an advisory council, with no coercive power "to lord it over God's heritage."

9th. This Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in its connexion that shall hold corrupt doctrines or indulge in sinful or vicious practices.

10th. Every church in union having a membership not exceeding 50 in number, shall be entitled to a representation of two delegates, and one additional delegate for every increase of 50 over that number.

11th. The primary object of this Association shall be to "strive for the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace" amongst the churches; the employment of domestic missionaries, and to keep up the statistical accounts of the churches in its connexion. And finally to concentrate our efforts for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth, and for the deposition of the works of darkness.

12th. None but the members of this body shall be allowed a vote in its councils, and a majority shall decide in disposing of and settling all business that may constitutionally come before them.

13th. This Association in all cases disclaims the rights in its associate capacity, to settle church difficulties; but when a division occurs, and two parties equally claim to the church, and represent themselves by letter and delegates, this Association shall have the right to decide at the first, or some future meeting of its body thereafter, which party shall be recognized as the constitutional church, and entitled to a seat in its council.

14th. The Minutes of the Association shall be read each day, and corrected, if need be, by the body; and when the business shall be gone through with, signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

15th. Any Article of this Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by a majority of two-thirds of the delegates present voting for the same.

1877

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTOR'S.	CLERKS.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Amount for Minutes.	Amount for Ass. Missions.	Amount for State Missions.	Amount for For. Missions.	For Ind. Miss'ns.	For Education.
Sandy Run,	Moorestboro'	G. W. Rollins,	W. B. Lovelace,	Third..	14	2	3	4	6	238	3 00	1 37½	1 37½	\$1 37½		
Zion,	Shelby,	A. C. Irvin,	A. J. Irvin,	First..	14	2	3	4	6	170	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		
Zoar,	Shelby,	G. M. Webb,	Jacob Hogue,	Third..	14	2	3	4	6	116	1 25	2 00	2 00	2 00		
Double Springs,	Shelby,	G. W. Rollins,	W. W. Washburn,	Second..	20	6	1	3	2	167	1 50	3 00	3 00	3 00		
New Bethel,	Gardner's Ford,	T. Dixon,	R. T. Hord,	Third..	20	6	1	3	2	213	2 00	3 25	3 25	3 00		
Pleasant Hill,	Shelby,	G. M. Webb,	J. A. Roberts,	First..	6	1	4	2	3	182	1 80	5 75	5 75	5 00		
Mt. Vernon,	Hull's X Roads,	A. Hildebrand,	S. J. Weaver,	Third..	6	1	4	2	3	67	1 25	1 10	1 10	2 15		
Big Spring,	Duncan's Creek,	J. M. Bridges,	J. C. Gettys,	Second..	17	2	5	2	5	115	1 40	2 15	2 15	5 00		
Bethlehem,	King's Mountain,	P. R. Elam,	P. M. Gardner,	Second..	17	2	5	2	5	191	2 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		
Olivet,	Catawba,	G. W. Rollins,	Jacob Brown,	First..	17	2	5	2	5	129	1 10	1 25	1 25	1 25		
Concord,	Webb's Ford,	G. W. Rollins,	A. L. Smart,	First..	17	2	5	2	5	100	1 10	1 25	1 25	1 25		
Thessalonica,	Not Represented,	A. A. McSwain,	D. N. Hamrick,	Second..	6	3	1	8	2	73	1 00					
Bethel,	Webb's Ford,	T. H. Mullinax,	S. Wyle,	Third..	6	3	1	8	2	81	83					
Mt. Sinai,	Erwensville,	A. C. Irvin,	J. D. Simmons,	Second..	12	2	4	5	1	156	1 15	1 65	1 65			
Mt. Pleasant,	Nicholsconville,	G. M. Webb,	J. T. Hamrill,	Fourth..	12	1	2	3	1	180	1 58					
Reeder Dam,	Shelby,	R. Poston,	John Beam,	Third..	12	1	2	3	1	136	1 65					
Sandy Plains,	New House,	R. Poston,	J. H. Goforth,	Fourth..	12	1	2	3	1	143	1 65					
Hugh Shoal,	Oak Spring,	G. W. Rollins,	J. P. Burgess,	Fourth..	12	1	2	3	1	209	1 30	1 50	1 50	1 50		
Mt. Paran,	Webb's Ford,	A. C. Irvin,	J. C. Wilson,	Third..	7	4	1	33	6	79	1 45	1 45	1 45			
Whitaker Station,	Whitaker Station,	J. M. Bridges,	J. W. Murray,	First..	6	6	5	2	2	107	1 00	62½	62½	62½		
Rutherford,	Rutherford,	A. A. McSwain,	D. S. Lovelace,	First..	6	7	5	5	1	186	905	37 00	37 00	4 00		
Mt. Harmony,	Shelby,	A. L. Slough,	T. K. Barnett,	Every..	17	6	2	10	3	133	1 75					
Boiling Springs,	Shelby,	G. M. Webb,	Thos. Kendrick,	Second..	17	6	3	6	1	133	2 30					
Cape Canum,	Buffalo Paper Mills,	T. Dixon,	J. C. Hoyle,	First..	47	9	3	2	4	371	2 30					
New Prospect,	Cherryville,	A. C. Irvin,	J. R. Logan,	Fourth..	17	8	3	2	4	282	1 60					
Mt. Zion,	Antioch, S. C.,	I. G. Carter,	J. R. Logan,	First..	6	8	6	3	2	206	2 00				3 25	
Antioch,	Shelby,	T. Dixon,	Wm. Hamrick,	Second..	1	1	1	3	6	187	2 00					
New Hope,	Black's Station, S. C.,	T. Dixon,	T. G. Chalk,	Fourth..	3	4	64	1	3	238	1 00					
Buffalo,	Gaston,	P. R. Elam,	T. G. Chalk,	Fourth..	3	4	64	1	3	25	1 00					
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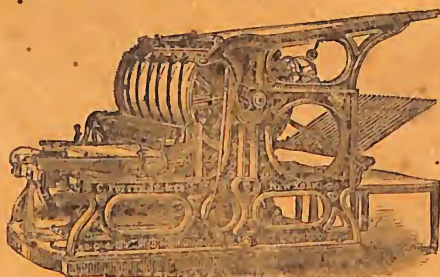
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